For Raiders

Big plays make game

Big plays were the order of the night for Appomattox Friday at Randolph-Henry, as the varsity Raider grid squad defeated the Statesmen 30-14 for their second win this season.

The initial big play of the game came the first time an Appomattox player touched the ball offensively. Tim Austin took Randolph-Henry's first punt of the game 68 yards for six points, with 8:58 remaining in the first quarter. With Kevin Kendricks' successful conversion kick, the Raiders hald a 7-0 lead.

The Raider defense held Randolph-Henry on the next series of downs, and when Appomattox got the ball again after the Statesmen punted, it appeared that the Raiders were marching to their second consecutive score. The Raiders found themselves with a fourth down and four yards to go at the Randolph-Henry 19-yard line, however, and when Russell Walton was stopped at the 17, the Statesmen took over on downs.

The raider defense allowed one first down, the held Randolph-Henry again. Appomattox received the Statesmen's punt, and had the ball first and 10 at their own 34-yard line.

Randolph-Henry intercepted a pass on the first play from scrimmage on that set of downs, but the interception was anulled by a penalty, and the Raiders began their second scoring march on the Randolph-Henry 46-yard line.

Fifteen plays later quarterback Paul Johnson passed to tight end Kevin Kendrick on second and goal, and the completion gave the Raiders a 13-0 advantage.

The Raiders had one more scoring opportunity late in the second quarter. Appomattox had a fourth-and-eight situation at the Statesmen's 17-yard line, with time running out. Kicker Kevin Kendrick went for the field goal, and the official under the goal post indicated that the kick was good, while the official behind Kendrick signaled that the kick was wide. After some discussion, the officials decided that the kick had indeed been wide to the left. Randolph-Henry took the ball on their own 20, and let the clock run out in the first half.

The Statesmen returned in the second half to turn a couple of big plays of their own. On the Raiders' first possession of the second half, Randolph-Henry scored on a pass interception, and then narrowed the margin to 13-8 on a two-point conversion.

Randolph-Henry turned another big defensive play into points on the Raiders' next possession. After recovering a Raider touchdown on the Appomattox 26, the Statesmen drove into the end zone to establish a 14-13 lead.

But from that point, it was all Appomattox.

Later in the third quarter, Kendrick kicked a field goal from the Randolph-Henry 10-yard line to give the Raiders the lead again, 16-14.

Then, Tim Austin intercepted a Randolph-Henry pass late in the third quarter and returned it to the Statesmen's 17-yard line, setting up a drive which ended in Russell Walton's scoring from four yards out.

Austin's big defensive play was complimented in the fourth quarter by another defensive play which resulted in a touchdown. The Raider punt team, led by John Fedison, recovered a fumbled punt in the Randolph-Henry end zone for Appomattox's final touchdown. Kendrick's successful conversion kick set the score at 30-14, the game final.

Quarterback Paul Johnson had a big night for the Raiders, completing 15 of 25 passes for 200 yards. His leading receivers were Kendrick, who caught seven passes for 69 yards, and Mike Jackson, who had three receptions for 59 yards.

Russell Walton was the leading Raider rusher, with 10 carries for 34 yards, and Ron Scruggs had eight carries for 25 yards.

The Raiders, at 2-0 are scheduled to travel to Altavista this Friday night for a Seminole District contest.

Altavista, at 1-1 on the season, is coming off a big 60-14 win over Chatham Friday night.

The Appomattox-Altavista game is slated to get underway Friday at 8 p.m. in Altavista.

RAIDER DEFENDERS (from left) Tim Austin, Terry Eagle and Phil Bollinger close gang up on Randolph-Henry offense in Friday night's 30-14 Appomattox Varsity football victory. (Photo by Roy Trent)

Heritage drops jayvees

The Raider junior varsity football team dropped its second game of the season last Thursday, a 22-6 loss to group AAA Heritage.

Appomattox won the coin toss at the game's start, received the ball and churned out three first downs. The Raiders were rolling toward the Heritage goal line, but an Appomattox fumble was recovered by Heritage, and led several plays later to a Heritage score.

Heritage scored on the two-point conversion play, then scored again in the second quarter. After missing on a second two-point conversion try, Heritage held a 14-0 lead when the first half ended.

In the third quarter, Appomattox got on the scoreboard when cornerback Shawn Walker recovered a Heritage fumble near midfield. The Raiders drove to within seven yards of the Heritage goal, then Gary Scruggs ran the ball in to cut the Heritage margin to 14-6.

The two-point conversion play failed, however, and Heritage's defense stiffened to hold the Raiders scoreless the rest of the game. Heritage's final score came with less than a minute left to play, and, with no success on the two-point conversion attempt, the visiting team left Bragg stadium with at 22-6 victory.

"The team showed definite improvement against Heritage compared with the first game of the season," commented Raider coach Howard Clabough this week. "We played good defense in the second half, except for the late score on a pass play," the coach continued.

Heritage was strong against the Raiders defensively, allowing Appomattox only 70 yards total offense, including 37 yards rushing and 33 yards passing.

Still, Clabough was pleased with the way the jayvee Raiders performed against the AAA Heritage team. "We're showing improvement," he said. "If we improve as much this week as we did last week, we should have a very good game against Altavista this week," the coach noted.

The Raiders square off against Altavista tomorrow (Thursday) night at 6 p.m. at Bragg Stadium in Appomattox.

Racing becoming popular

In the past year TV News 7 Sports has increased it's coverage of Grand National Racing due to a growing popularity of the sport.

To further meet the demands of the WDBJ 7 viewing audience, "Thunder In The Foothills: The Martinsville 500" will be broadcast on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 8 p.m.

This half-hour sports special, locally produced by the Sports and Operations Departments of WDBJ 7, will preview the upcoming Martinsville 500 race on Sunday, Sept. 23.

New 7 Sports Director John Kernan will take viewers to the track and give them "an insight into Grand National Racing at Martinsville" while profiling the history and tradition of the track. Kernan will also highlight the starting field of drivers; the points race; the plight of the independent driver; and the effect a pit crew can have on winning or losing a race.

Golf tourney set

An 18-hole Couples Captains' Choice golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 23 at Falling River Country Club in Appomattox County.

Tee-off time is 1:15 p.m. Dinner will be served following play. Those wishing to play may register at the club's pro shop.

Girls win one, lose one

The Raiderette varsity basketball team defeated Nelson County 44-28 last Tuesday night, but fell to William Campbell, 43-35, in Thursday night's game.

Raiderette Janice Foster led all scorers in Tuesday night's game with 13 points. Appomattox led from the first quarter on, hitting their first six shots and holding a 22-11 lead at the end of the first half.

But with 31 seconds left before the end of the first half, the Raiderettes last Angie Banks to a knee injury, probably for the remainder of the season.

Bev Bennett, with eight points, Sally Coleman and Delores Smith, with five points each, and Darlene Ferguson with four points followed Foster in the Appomattox scoring department. Traci Moore. Kim Osborne and Jewel McCoy scored two points each for Appomattox, as did Banks, before her injury. Jennifer Worley also added a point from the center position for the Raiderettes.

Appomattox had a difficult time getting their offense going in the Thursday night game against William Campbell. The Raiderettes scored only six points in the first quarter to William Campbell's 10. Appomattox trailed 25-16 at the end of the first half.

The Raiderettes made up some of that round in the third period, when they outscored William Campbell 8-4. But in the final quarter, the Appomattox offense was again stymied by William Campbell, who outscored the Raiderettes in that period, 14-11, preserving the 43-35 win.

Coleman again led Raiderette scorers with seven points and Delores Smith, Janice Foster, amd Darlene Ferguson added six points each, Traci Moore and Jewel McCoy each scored three points, and Bev Bennett and Jennifer Worley scored two points apiece against William Campbell.

Coach Mary Tolley cited poor shooting as the primary problem in the William Campbell game. Appomattox hit 14 of 42 of their shots from the floor, or 33 percent, while William Campbell hit 16 of 35 shots from the floor, or 46 percent.

The Raiderettes were scheduled to play Rustburg Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline, and will play Jefferson Forest Thursday at Jefferson FOrest. Next Tuesday, the Raiderettes are scheduled to play Altavista at home.

The junior varsity games begin at 6 p.m. with the varsity games beginning at approximately 7:30 following the jayvee contests.

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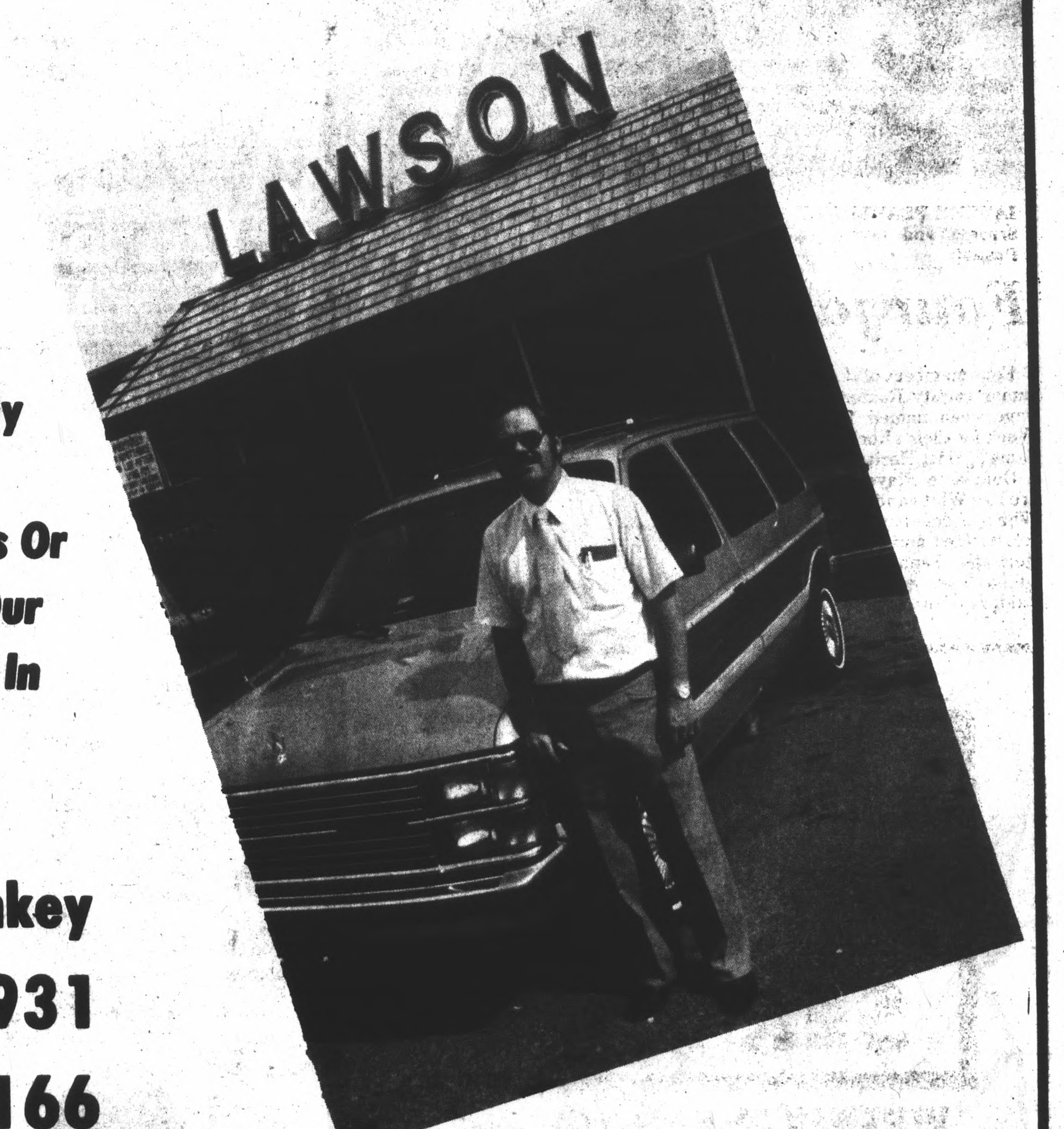

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Austin, Banks, Johnson garner top honors

Tim Austin | Carl Banks | Paul Johnson

Three members of the Raider varsity football team have been chosen Players of the Week by the coaching staff for their efforts in Friday night's 30-14 victory against Randolph-Henry.

Paul Johnson, Tim Austin and Carl Banks all received recognition for their play against the Statement.

Johnson completed 15 of 25 passes for 200 yards from his quarterback position for the Raiders.

Austin returned a punt 68 yards for the Raiders' first touchdown in the first quarter. He also had a key pass interception late in the third quarter to halt a Randolph-Henry drive. Austin caught one pass for nine yards on offense, as well.

Carl Banks, a lineman, had five solo tackles and six assists against Randolph-Henry. He also intercepted a pass and did a good job blocking on the offense line, according to the Raider coaching staff.

Garden Club to meet

The Appomattox Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 24, in the St. Anne's Parish Hall.

Mrs. Frank Carr of Richmond, past president of the Appomattox Garden Club and Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs will be the guest speaker.

The Artistic exhibits will include: Class I "Swinging With The Thirties" and Class II "Looking Back."

Big reunion slated

The descendants of Nathanial F. and Willie Etta Via Guill and the descendants of George Neopoleon and Melissa Ann Ferguson Smith, will assemble at the Woodmen of the World building on East Harrell Street in Appomattox, Va. on Sunday, September 23, at 1:00 p.m. for a Smith-Guill reunion, which hopefully will become an annual affair. All Guills and Smiths and their kin, are expected to attend.

Please notify your family, brothers, sisters, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of your parents. Each family will be expected to bring food and beverage.

Plates, cups, knives, forks, ect. will be furnished. A basket will be placed at or near the front door for donations to defray the cost of renting the building, the purchase of ice, paper plates, cups and other expenses that we might have.

For those having to travel long distances or are planning to stay overnight, pre-prepared foods of various kinds may be purchased at the Chicken Palace, or at the Food-World deli at the local Triangle Plaza, both of which are open on Sunday.

For more information call any of the following names: Carrie Guill Gobble 352-7343; Jessie T. Guill 352-8162; A. Alvin Ferguson 352-5221; Bob Jamerson 352-8443.

JAYVEE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK include (Front, from left) Gary Scruggs and Leroy Woolridge, and (back) Lee White and Vincent Pannell.

Four jayvees honored

Four members of the Appomattox junior varsity Raider football team have been named Players of the Week for their efforts in Thursday's game against Heritage.

Defensive Players of the Week are Lee White and Vincent Pannell. White, a defensive tackle, had five solo tackles and two assits against Heritage. Pannell, a defensive end, added five solo tackles to the Raiders' effort Thursday.

Offensive Players of the Week are Gary Scruggs and Leroy Woolridge. Scruggs, a tailback, had 23 yards rushing and three pass receptions for 33 yards. He also scored the Raiders' touchdown against Heritage.

Woolridge came off the bench to complete all three of the jayvees' passes, and added four tackles from his safety position on defense.

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